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THE
COVENANT
AND
DECLARATION OF FAITH
OF THE
SECOND CHURCH, DORCHESTER:
WITH A
LIST OF ITS MEMBERS.

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"One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

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COVENANT.

You, — — —, acknowledging your unworthiness to be in, and inability to keep covenant with God, or to perform any spiritual duty as you ought, unless the Lord do enable you thereto by his Spirit dwelling in you,—Do, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in trust and confidence of his free grace assisting you, enter into this holy covenant, freely, sincerely, and solemnly, before God, and his holy angels, and this assembly, wherein you profess and promise—

First, and above all, to take God to be your God, and to cleave to Him as your chiefest and only good.

You profess your belief in the Holy Scriptures, that they were given by inspiration of God, and are the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

You believe that the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are one God, the only proper object of religious worship.

You believe that man was created upright and holy, and that he fell from that happy state by sinning against God,—that, by the fall, all mankind are by nature dead in trespasses and sins, and entirely destitute of holiness,—and continue alienated from God, until renewed and reconciled by the special influence of the Holy Spirit.

You believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has made an atonement for sin, and brought in an everlasting righteousness, so that God can be just, and yet the justifier of every one that believeth in Jesus,—that he is the only Mediator between God and man,—the King and Head of his church,—and convinced that you are a guilty sinner, you desire to submit to him in all the characters with which he is invested for the benefit of the children of men.

You believe the Holy Spirit to be the Renewer, Sanctifier and Comforter of his people; and sensible of your own weakness and depravity, you promise to seek the influences of divine grace to instruct, strengthen and guide you in the way of holiness, and to fit you for the inheritance of the saints in light.

You believe that all true Christians are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

You believe that the happiness of the righteous and the misery of the wicked, after death, will be eternal.

You believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has a visible church in the world, and that the terms of membership are the evidence of a change of heart

by the renewing grace of God, and a credible profession of faith and repentance.

You also believe that God has instituted Baptism and the Lord's Supper as ordinances to be observed in his church to the end of the world.

You do solemnly give up yourself and your offspring to God, determining to renounce sin and obey him forever.

You promise to walk with this church in a due submission to and attendance on all the ordinances of the gospel, and that in your whole conversation and conduct, you will make it your endeavor to practice the rules of our holy religion.

You submit yourself to the watch and discipline, the administrations and censures of this church, so far as they shall be guided by God's holy word.

Of the integrity of your heart, you call God, the searcher of all hearts to witness, beseeching him to assist your sincere endeavors to observe this holy covenant, in all the branches thereof. *Amen.*

Do you thus profess, covenant and promise?

We then, the church of Christ in this place, do, charitably and joyfully, receive you into our communion and fellowship, promising that we will watch over you for your spiritual good, admonish and pray for you, counsel and comfort you, as your circumstances may require, and our acquaintance with you shall permit.

And now, beloved in the Lord, let it be impressed upon your mind, that you have come under solemn obligations from which you can never escape. Wherever you go, these vows will be upon you,—they will follow you to the bar of God, and abide upon you in eternity. You can never be again as you have been. Hereafter the eyes of the world will be upon you. If you walk worthy of your profession, you will be a credit and comfort to us; but, if otherwise, you will be an occasion of grief and reproach. But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. May the Lord guide and preserve you until death, and may you and we be finally accepted of Him, through the riches of his free grace in Christ Jesus. AMEN.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
SECOND CHURCH, DORCHESTER.

PASTORS.

JOHN CODMAN, D. D., 1808-1847.
JAMES HOWARD MEANS, 1848.

DEACONS.

STEPHEN BADLAM, 1808-1815.
EBENEZER WITHINGTON, 1808-1815.
JOSEPH CLAP, 1808-1852.
WILLIAM HITCHINGS, 1816-1833.
SAMUEL CAPEN, 1816-1830.
ISAAC HOWE, 1828-1838.
CHARLES HOWE, 1832.
EDWARD SHARP, 1839.
RUFUS HOWE, 1839-1845.
JOSEPH CLAP, JR., 1846.

MEMBERS.

At the formation of the Church, January 1, 1808, the following were received from the First Church.

Elizabeth Tileston
James Robinson
George Baker
Susanna Baker
Sarah Hall
Abigail McDaniels
Patience Badlam
Elizabeth Tolman
Jonas Tolman
Jonathan Pierce
Mary Pierce
Samuel Withington

Lucy Withington
John Capen
Joseph Clap
Abigail Clap
Nathaniel Swift
Ebenezer Withington, Deacon
Lemuel Withington
Ann Withington
Stephen Badlam, Deacon
Thomas Lyon
Sarah Lyon
Samuel Capen, Jr., Deacon

Waitstill Trescott
 Ruth Capen
 Ann Tolman
 John Capen, 4th
 Abigail Philips
 Susanna C. Philips, (Edwards)
 William Tolman
 Elizabeth Tolman, (Snow)
 Prudence Blackman
 Stephen Robinson
 Hannah Robinson
 Mary P. Withington
 Dorcas Simmons
 Richard Trow
 Rebecca Trow
 John Mellish
 Hannah Mellish
 Polly Stetson
 Samuel B. Lyon
 Francis Blanchard
 Anna Blanchard
 Samuel B. Pierce
 Mary Swift
 Sarah Swift
 Jonathan Pierce, Jr.
 Joseph Tolman
 Polly Tolman
 Joseph Clap, Jr., Deacon
 Betsey Clap
 Edward Withington
 Eunice Withington
 Ann Withington, (Bacon)
 Isaac Withington
 Mary Withington
 Molly White
 Ebenezer Davenport
 Susannah Davenport
 Mary Wilson
 Sarah Mellish
 Patience Capen

ADMISSIONS.

Those received by *letter* are designated thus, (*l*)

1808.

Jerusha Robinson, *l*
 Mary Davenport, *l*
 Elizabeth Tucker, *l*
 Mary Withington, *l*
 Benjamin Simmons, *l*
 Atherton Tucker, *l*
 Timothy Field, *l*
 Katharine Field, *l*

Abel Wheelock
 Mehitable Wheelock
 Hannah Pierce
 James Baker, *l*
 Lydia Baker, *l*
 John Baker, *l*
 Samuel Topliff, *l*
 Anna Topliff, *l*
 Isaac N. Field, *l*
 Joanna Field, *l*
 Abigail Leeds, *l*
 Jerusha Jones, *l*
 Samuel Bird, *l*
 William Henly, *l*
 Elizabeth Henly, *l*
 Sarah Clap, *l*
 John Codman, Pastor, *l*
 Joshua R. Blake, *l*
 Lois Pierce
 Hannah Lyon
 James Clap

1809.

Persis Crane, *l*
 Elizabeth Grafton, (White)
 Esther Marshall, *l*
 Zebiah Wilson, *l*
 Elizabeth Trott, *l*
 Catharine Sherburne
 Sophia Sherburne, (Withington)
 Sarah S. Woodward
 James Clap
 Elizabeth Clap
 Elizabeth Withington
 Elizabeth Howe
 Haly Pippins, (Rogers)
 Charlotte Bourne
 Betsey T. Nixon
 Ann Gardner
 Lemuel Capen
 Mary Warren

1810.

Lydia Lewis
 Hannah Lewis
 Sarah Soren
 Dorcas Doak
 John Capen, Jr.
 Edward Sharp, Deacon
 James H. Withington
 Thomas Danforth
 Sarah Henly
 Hannah G. Numen
 Rhoda Danforth
 Deborah Fields

Elizabeth Foster, *l*
 Hannah Lemist, *l*
 Elizabeth Davenport, *l*
 William Hitchings, Deacon
 Hannah Washburn
 Polly Fisher
 Leonard Withington, (Rev.)
 Polly Tolman
 Hannah Wentworth, (Crane)
 Samuel Page

1811.

Nancy Billings
 Christian Baker, *l*
 Sarah Foster
 Sally J. Soren, (Stimpson)
 Richard Crane
 Patience Lambert, *l*
 Harriot Sherburne, *l*
 Alice B. Drake
 John White
 Sarah White
 Abigail Kent, *l*
 Christian Kent, *l*
 Eunice Onthank
 Elizabeth Withington
 Hannah Clap, (Tolman)
 Susanna C. White, (Griggs)
 Clarissa Davenport, (Pierce)
 Elijah Jones
 Peter Blake

1812.

Suviah Marston, (Howe)
 Susannah Hall
 Mary Clap, *l*
 Azubah Clap, *l*
 Edward Foster, *l*
 Polly Foster, *l*
 Paul Lambert, *l*
 Elizabeth Jones
 Hannah Lemist, (Clap)
 Deborah Page
 Thomas Jones
 Lucy Gay
 Nancy Field
 Rebecca Hitchings, *l*

1813.

John Tolman, *l*
 Hannah Tolman, *l*
 Mary Tolman, *l*
 Sally Tolman, *l*
 Mary Codman, *l*

Alice Daggett
 Elizabeth Swift
 Betsey Fisher, (White)
 Lydia McElroy
 Lucy Davenport, (Blake)

1814.

Joanna Tucker
 Ann Manning
 Sarah Clap, (Davenport)
 Elizabeth Badlam
 Mary Sharp
 Clarissa Badlam, (Dorr)
 Joseph Foster
 Catharine Foster
 Delight Hayden, (Semple)

1815.

Uriah Smith
 Susan Adams
 J. S. B. Blake
 Sarah Reed

1816.

William F. Williams
 Josiah Coddling
 Susanna H. Clap
 Philip Withington, *l*
 Catharine M. Withington, *l*
 Sarah P. Vose

1817.

William Wilcox, *l*
 Huldah Wilcox, *l*
 Mather Withington, *l*
 Sarah P. Withington,
 Hannah Holden, (Topliff) *l*
 Enos Tolman
 Esther Tolman
 Hervey Johnson
 Henry Gray
 Lydia Baker

1818.

Joseph Wild
 Hannah Wild
 Molly Richards, *l*
 Lucy Savil, (Gillson)
 Sarah White
 Mary Ann Clap, (Hammond)
 Mary Tolman, (Hunt)
 Mary P. Withington, (Wads-
 worth)
 Ann Lemist, (Lancaster)

Cephas Houghton
 Lemuel Tolman
 Mary Tolman
 Sarah Gurley
 Harriet Melville
 William Tucker
 Joseph Hunt
 Eve Babbitt, *l*
 Sarah Pierce, *l*
 Susanna Pierce
 Rebecca W. Preston, (Balcom)
 Hannah M. Wild, (Howland)
 Olive F. Payson, (Stowers)
 Lucretia Lewis
 Sarah Blake
 Mary Severns, (Lancaster)
 Ebenezer Holmes

1819.

Aaron Bradshaw
 Elizabeth Bradshaw
 Joshua Tucker
 Wealthy Tucker
 Lucy Inglee, (Oakes)
 Sally Kelton
 William Hammond
 Jonathan Hammond
 Ebenezer Withington
 James Carruthers, *l*
 Robina Carruthers, *l*
 Isaac Howe, Deacon
 Frances Howe
 Aaron Nixon
 Irene Stetson, (Ely) *l*
 William M. Rogers
 Lydia R. Rogers
 Sarah Page, (Williams)
 Mary J. Carruthers
 Rachel Whitney
 Lydia Tolman
 Jane Pierce
 Calvin White, (Rev.)
 William Ropes, *l*
 Martha Ropes, *l*
 Sally Richards, *l*
 Nancy Child, *l*
 Lydia Capen, *l*
 Martha Cooper

1820.

Edward Preston, *l*
 Rebecca Preston, *l*
 Ziby Houghton
 Mary Houghton, *l*

Anna Topliff, (Church)
 Susan F. Adams
 Hannah Wales, *l*
 Leonard Everett
 Nabby Everett
 John Tolman
 John Wild, (Rev.)
 Phebe Temple, *l*
 Martha Davenport, (Holmes)
 Arethusa Clap, (Leeds)
 Seth Gilson
 Hannah Lucas, *l*
 Hope Atwood
 Persis Crane, (Preston)
 Hannah D. Wales
 Nancy Haynes
 Melinda Wilcox, (Wood)

1821.

Ruth Dickerman
 Mary Lovell, *l*
 Fisher Holmes
 Mary Caswell
 Nathaniel Holmes
 Sylvia Bird, *l*
 Dianthe Shaw
 Elizabeth Robinson
 Lydia Crane, *l*
 Ezekiel Tolman, *l*

1822.

Mary White, *l*
 Samuel Capen, *l*
 Anna Capen, *l*
 Mary Adams
 Hannah B. Cobb
 Rhoda Richardson, (Lewis)
 Susanna B. Perry
 Jane Baker
 Catharine Tucker,
 Susanna Pierce
 Betsey Calef, (Crane)
 Louisa N. Adams, (Clap)
 Hannah Adams, *l*

1823.

Charles Howe, Deacon
 Lucy Howe
 Joseph Clap, Jr., Deacon
 Charles Leeds
 Betsey Hancock
 Fanny Blake
 Fanny T. Clap
 Otis Holmes, (Rev.)

Whiting Grant
 John B. Gilman
 Elizabeth Hall, *l*
 Paul M. Reed
 Mary Reed, (Bruce)
 Sarah Preston, (Holmes)
 John Oliver
 Bartlett Willis
 Elizabeth Ridgley, (Symmes)
 Nabby Cary, *l*

1824.

Moses Wood, *l*
 Anna Savage, *l*
 S. M. E. Kittle, (Rev. Mr. Rogers)
 Lucretia Smith
 Zoa Daillie
 Jesse Houghton
 Chloe Gay, (Shankland)
 Dolly Mayo
 Martha Howe
 Elizabeth Clap, (Stimpson)
 Elizabeth Wetherbee
 Mehitable Barlow
 Sally P. Wade
 Mary Withington
 Ruth Dickerman
 Lydia Howe

1825.

Eleanor Waters
 James Hildreth
 Ruth Hildreth
 James Penniman
 Sarah Penniman
 Mary A. Bradford
 Foster Thayer, (Rev.)
 Harriet Thayer, *l*
 Matilda Bullard, *l*
 Martha W. Parks, (Bacon)
 Mary Tenney
 Samuel Mulliken, *l*
 William Symmes, *l*

1827.

Jeremiah T. Pratt, *l*
 Elizabeth Symmes
 Mary Clark
 Mary White
 Mary Withington, (Warren)
 Ann Withington
 Louisa Lewis
 Elizabeth Ford, (Withington)
 Mary Sumner

Hannah Child
 Eliza J. Nixon, (Withington)
 Thirza Watson
 Mary Ann Penniman, (Wolcott)
 Alice M. Davis, (Frye)
 Jane Pillsbury, (Robinson)
 Asenath B. Buswell
 Elizabeth Williams
 Elizabeth Capen
 Mehitable Howe
 Mary W. Tolman, (Sumner)
 James Semple
 John Griggs
 John W. Hunt
 Elizabeth Minot
 Rachel Minot
 Fanny Leach
 Anna Wetherbee
 Abigail M. Baker
 Abigail A. Withington
 Hannah Wood, (Stover)
 Clarissa Howe
 Sophia S. Clap, (Robinson)
 Henry Clap
 Jesse Bradshaw
 Josiah Davenport
 Benjamin Farrington
 Howard Ford
 Sarah Topliff, *l*
 Mary Nichols, *l*
 Sarah White, *l*
 John Townsend, *l*
 Hannah Stone
 Mary Capen, (Robinson)
 Charlotte A. Guild, (Hewins)
 Sarah Marshall
 Mary Trow
 Lucy T. Winslow, (Hildreth)
 Louisa Danforth, (Ames)
 Clement Sumner, Jr.
 Christian Bird
 Joseph Ford, *l*
 Sarah Ford, *l*
 Joanna H. P. Capen
 Susan Boyden, (Mellish)
 Hannah Tolman, (Pope)
 Elizabeth Trow
 Martha Dunn, (Clark)
 Lucretia R. Tolman, (Barney)
 Hannah Tolman, (Peck)
 John Williams
 George Hildreth
 Edwin Lemist
 Hannah Mellish, *l*

Hannah Holmes, *l*
 Rachel Hammond, *l*

1828.

Hannah M. Tolman, (Cook)
 Hannah Guild
 Eliza A. Maling, (Symmes)
 Abigail R. Houghton
 Mehitable Wild
 Isabella Adams, (Turner)
 William Tolman
 Charles J. Adams
 Charles B. Adams
 Sophia Hildreth, *l*
 Huldah Wilcox, (Allen)
 Eunice T. Nixon
 James Foster
 Rachel Foster
 Joanna Foster

1829.

Catharine Stone, *l*
 Joshua Tucker, *l*
 Wealthy Tucker, *l*
 Wealthy T. Tucker, (Ross) *l*
 Elizabeth S. Hawes, *l*

1830.

Ann L. Clap, (Harris)
 Azubah C. Clap
 Sarah Leeds, (Townsend)
 Eliza P. Capen, (Labaree)
 Sarah B. Field, (Baxter)
 Mary Ann Field, (Lambert)
 Hannah Foster, (Tolman)
 Rachel Tolman
 Sarah Ford
 Caroline Ford, (Foster)
 Mary W. Preston, (White)

1831.

Harriet Marshall
 James Leach, *l*
 Ann Leach, *l*
 Sarah Wiswall
 Lois H. Taylor
 Clarissa Hook, (Petty)
 Rachel E. Cooper
 Mary E. Cooper, (Housen)
 Abigail W. Crane
 Rachel H. Crane
 Electa Crane
 Mary Stevenson
 Luke Putnam

Richard Tolman, (Rev.)
 Lucy Howe, *l*
 Elizabeth Gorham, *l*
 Mary Ann Howe, *l*
 Martha Howe, (Ripley) *l*
 Ann W. Dean, *l*
 Sarah Bird, *l*
 Abigail Baker
 Adah Willis
 Christian Brazier
 Polly Perry
 Aurelia Capen, (Buck)
 Sarah Briggs, (Poole)
 Mary Baker
 Lydia Payson
 Dorothea W. Garner, (Hill)
 Anna Williams, *l*
 Mary Howe
 Sarah Wood
 Sophia V. Willis, (McElroy)
 Elizabeth D. Stone, (Denny)
 Rufus Howe, Deacon
 Sophia Howe, *l*
 Elbridge G. McElroy
 Nancy Mansfield, *l*

1832.

Hester Fobes
 Polly Mellish
 Mary L. Tower, (Jones)
 Mary F. Capen, (Partridge)
 Joseph Leeds
 Otis Nichols
 Theophilus C. Clap
 Hannah McDaniels
 Mary Tolman
 Elizabeth Houghton
 Margaret Howe Brown
 Margaret R. Codman, (Peabody)
 Edward Hill
 John C. Clap
 Henry H. Penniman
 Frances E. Gray
 Eunice Johnson
 Mary Edson
 Elizabeth S. Bull
 Jane Murdock, *l*
 Nancy Davenport, *l*
 Sarah Howe, *l*
 Hannah Edson, *l*
 Mary Ann Leach, (Leeds)
 Lois Trescott
 Susannah L. Howe, (Jones)
 Sophia V. Bacon

Betsey C. Hancock, *l*
Amanda Wilcox, (Partridge)

1833.

Uriah Balkam, (Rev.)
Lucy Cushing, (Bryant)
Maria A. Howe, (Pierce)
Clarissa Tolman, (Wakefield)

1834.

Daniel Leeds
Ann Corbet
Mary Williams
Sarah Wild
David Baker
Esther Dickey, *l*
N. N. Gleason, *l*
Mary Kimball
Catharine Capen
Catharine F. Stone
Sarah Tolman
Hannah B. Tolman
Lucy P. Tolman
Catharine C. Everett, (Goss)
Harriet S. Clap
Elizabeth Collins, (Reed)
Edward Jones
George Leeds, (Rev.)
William R. Bradford
James C. Sharp
Hannah Ford, (Martins)
Diadema Wiswall, (Hall)
Abigail T. Wilder, *l*
Sarah Hale, (Burpee)
Harriet Clap, (Reed)
Susanna B. Clap, (Gordon)
Caleb Hill
James Hildreth, *l*
Martha Hildreth, *l*
Susanna Baker
Ann R. Payson, (Ripley)

1835.

Sarah E. Severns, (Adams)

1836.

Elizabeth Gunnison
Rebecca T. Gleason
Gustavus W. Hawes
Sarah L. Hawes
Betsey B. Capen
Elizabeth Carter
Mary Jane Crane
Abigail Howe, (Gleason)

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Stephen Tolman, Jr.
Hiram W. Blanchard, *l*
Mary A. B. Howe, *l*
Hannah H. McElroy
Caroline Clap, (Woodward)
Jane Williams
Cordelia Tremlett
George Trufant
Joseph W. Foster
Andrew B. Foster, (Rev.)
Abigail Trufant, *l*
Eliza A. Symmes, *l*

1837.

Mary G. Monroe
James Bryant
John Foster
Elizabeth Ann Jones
Caleb Pillsbury, *l*
Elizabeth Pillsbury
Elizabeth W. Blanchard
Catharine D. Lee, *l*
Harriet B. Field, (Cooper)
Mary E. Capen
Mary Jane Howe, (Hill)
Abigail A. Trufant
Abel Hewins, *l*
Anna Hewins, *l*

1838.

Jane Clap
Lydia Withington
Patty Sloan
Lucy A. Blake, (Clap)
Abigail A. Tolman, (Davenport)
Catharine Riley, (Sumner)
Susan L. Salisbury
John Tolman, *l*
Hannah Hoven
Mary Murphy
Ann Haynes
Sarah Capen
William M. Blake

1839.

Ebenezer Curtis
Susan W. Curtis, *l*
Mary Ann Murphy, (Staten)
John Griggs, *l*
Susan Griggs, *l*
Thomas M. Vinson, *l*
Hephzibah Vinson, *l*
Barzillai Paine, *l*
Mary Ann Paine, *l*

William P. Snow, *l*
 Hannah Snow, *l*
 Azubah Remick, (Perry) *l*
 Sarah Hill, *l*
 William K. Vaill, *l*
 Lucy Turner, *l*
 Maria Tolman, (Richards)
 E. Harriet Howe, *l*
 Mary H. Burt
 Rebecca Baldwin, *l*
 Dolly C. Baldwin, *l*
 David Clap

1840.

Enos Howe
 Samuel Hildreth
 Joseph Pillsbury
 Louisa Pillsbury
 Sarah C. Perry
 Catharine Colburn
 Lydia Door
 Mary E. Stone
 Sarah E. Howe, (Sharp)
 Anna S. Bird
 Mary E. Tolman
 Louisa R. Cooper, (Radcliffe)
 Emily Collins, (Gallagher)
 Mary A. Capen, (Tolman)
 Catharine Rogers
 Charles P. Tolman
 Sarah Wiswall, (Tolman)
 Albert Tolman
 John L. Capen
 James G. Young
 George M. Wilder, *l*
 William Storey, *l*
 James B. Hill
 Elizabeth Hill
 Lucy Grover, (Morse)
 Elizabeth Wiswall, (Wilder)
 Joshua H. Wilder
 Samuel B. Hildreth
 Nathaniel H. Snow
 Hannah L. Clap, (Kendall)
 Mary Houghton
 Nancy J. Wilder
 Isaac H. Fish
 Henry S. Bird
 Lydia C. Tolman, *l*

1841.

Mary B. Churchill, *l*
 John C. Hewins
 Samuel S. Trott

Hannah Robinson, *l*
 Mary W. Robinson, *l*
 Maria Palmer, *l*

1842.

Catharine Foster
 Ann Tolman
 George W. Haley
 Rosina S. Haley
 Robert Hill
 Sally Hill
 Mary P. Withington
 Elizabeth T. Chase, (Faas)
 Susan Wayland
 Sarah W. Tolman
 Augustus Tufts
 Benjamin Drake
 Abel Hewins, Jr.
 Jonas P. Tolman
 Ellis Houghton
 William Gallagher
 John F. Cass
 William J. Davis
 Edward S. Howe
 William Harris
 Joseph Grover
 Samuel G. Wood
 James Foster, Jr.
 Thomas Murphy
 Isaac S. Houghton, Jr.
 John Oliver, Jr.
 Samuel Williams
 Andrew Collins
 William E. Tolman
 Edward P. Abbe
 Daniel Grover, *l*
 Sarah Grover, *l*
 Eleanor H. Grover, (Fish)
 Persis Storey, *l*
 Stephen Wales, *l*
 Lydia V. Wales, *l*
 Harriet Chase, (Pierce) *l*
 Samuel Savil
 Mary Savil
 Rachel F. Wood
 Rachel R. Robinson
 Abigail H. Everett, (Axtell)
 Benjamin H. West, *l*
 Elizabeth A. West, *l*
 Sarah Cutler, *l*

1843.

Asa Robinson
 Orin Hildreth

Ruth Hildreth, /
 Sarah D. Child
 Caroline Henss
 Charlotte F. Howe, (Perkins)
 William Wales

1844.

Louisa Miller
 Miriam Houghton
 Elisha Hunt, /
 Mary Hunt, /
 Phebe Blackman, /
 Lyman Cutler, (Rev.) /

1845.

Lois Draper
 Lucinda Draper
 Harriet B. Hunt, /

1846.

Frances E. Gray, /

1847.

Amasa Davenport
 Charlotte Plaisted, /
 Elizabeth A. W. Wales, /
 Abigail Morton, /
 Abigail L. Morton, /
 Charles Grimmons, /
 Lusanna Tucker, /
 Lucy T. Pronk, /
 Caroline S. Tolman, /

1848.

James H. Means, /, Pastor
 Nathan Carruth, /
 Sarah A. Carruth, /
 Marianna Carruth, /
 Frances W. Howe
 Mary J. Williams
 Ellen C. Williams
 Louisa A. Clap
 Hannah C. Tolman, (Foster)
 Mary A. Hammond
 Eveline J. Sloan
 Barzillai Paine, /
 Mary A. Paine, /

1849.

Eliza B. Hughes, /
 Maria Brown, /
 John Martins, /
 Hannah Martins, /
 Harriet A. Gleason, (Newcomb) /
 P. G. Hodgdon, /
 Susan W. Tolman
 Martha L. Howe
 Anna P. B. Nixon, (Sharp)
 Julia A. Young, /
 Charlotte A. Means, /

1850.

Nancy Oliver
 Polly Pidge, /
 Mary E. Davis
 Jane Anderson
 Mary Collins
 Rachel A. Foster
 Suviah L. Foster, (Elder)
 Mary Foster, (Hersey)
 Mary Jane Adams
 Emeline L. Tolman
 Elizabeth Tolman
 Mary Clark, /

1851.

Elbridge G. McElroy, /
 Sophia V. McElroy, /
 George E. Delano
 Myra Preston
 Ann Maria Preston, (Mrs.)
 Ann Maria Preston, (Miss)
 Sarah S. Rideout
 Sarah S. Wetherbee
 Rachel B. Robinson
 Sarah Pierce, /
 Mary F. Loring, /
 Maria A. Clap
 Abby N. Pidge
 Augusta B. Hughes, (Brown)
 Sarah J. Williams
 Eliza W. Williams

1852.

Elijah Cutler
 Margaret A. Paine
 Anna J. Leeds.

PRESENT MEMBERS.

1852.

[† Designates non-resident members.]

Miss Mary J. Adams
Mrs. Jane Anderson
Mrs. Abigail H. Axtell †

Mrs. Ann Bacon
Mrs. Martha W. Bacon
Mrs. Rebecca W. Balcom
Miss Abigail M. Baker
Mrs. Phoebe Blackman
Mr. Peter Blake
Mrs. Fanny Blake
Mrs. Lucy Blake
Mrs. Elizabeth Bradshaw †
Mr. Jesse Bradshaw †
Mrs. Maria Brown
Mrs. Augusta B. Brown †
Mrs. Aurelia Buck †

Miss Ruth Capen
Mr. John Capen
Mrs. Lydia Capen
Miss Elizabeth Capen
Mrs. Betsey B. Capen
Miss Mary E. Capen
Mr. John L. Capen
Miss Sarah M. Capen
Mr. Nathan Carruth
Mrs. Sarah A. Carruth
Mrs. Marianna Carruth †
Mrs. Elizabeth Carter
Mrs. Mary Caswell
Mrs. Nancy Child
Miss Hannah Child †
Mrs. Mary B. Churchill
Mrs. Betsey Clap

Miss Harriet S. Clap
Mr. Henry Clap
Mrs. Hannah Clap
Miss Azubah C. Clap
Dea. Joseph Clap
Mrs. Louisa N. Clap
Miss Louisa A. Clap
Miss Maria A. Clap
Mrs. Mary Clark
Mrs. Mary Codman
Mrs. Catharine Colburn †
Mr. Andrew Collins
Mrs. Mary Collins
Mrs. Hannah M. Cook
Mrs. Martha Cooper †
Mrs. Rachel E. Cooper
Mrs. Harriet B. Cooper †
Mrs. Persis Crane
Mr. Ebenezer Curtis
Mrs. Susan W. Curtis
Mrs. Sarah Cutler
Mr. Elijah Cutler

Mrs. Sarah Davenport †
Mr. Amasa Davenport
Mrs. Abigail A. Davenport
Mrs. Mary E. Davis †
Mrs. Ann W. Dean †
Mr. George E. Delano †
Mrs. Elizabeth D. Denny †
Mrs. Lydia Dorr
Mr. Benjamin Drake †
Mrs. Lois Draper †
Miss Lucinda Draper †

Mr. Leonard Everett

Mrs. Nabby Everett

Mrs. Hester Fobes

Mr. Joseph Ford

Mrs. Sarah Ford

Miss Sarah Ford

Mr. Joseph Foster

Mrs. Catharine Foster

Mr. J. W. Foster

Mrs. Caroline Foster

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HISTORICAL SKETCH.

THE town of Dorchester was settled in 1630, by a company of Christians, who, with their pastors, Rev. John Wareham and Rev. John Maverick, emigrated from England for the enjoyment of greater civil and religious privileges. In 1636, Mr. Maverick died, and Mr. Wareham, with most of his church, removed to Windsor, Connecticut.

Previous to their departure, a new church, (still existing as the First Church,) was formed, under the pastoral care of Rev. Richard Mather, one of the most eminent ministers of his time, and the principal author of the "Cambridge Platform."

During the ministry of the eighth pastor of this Church, Rev. Dr. Harris, on account of the increasing population of the town, it became necessary to form a Second Society; and a meeting-house having been built, on the 1st of January, A. D. 1808, the Second Church, consisting then of sixty-four members, was duly organized; Rev. John Pierce, of Brookline, preaching on that occasion.

On the 7th of December following, Rev. John Codman was ordained the first pastor. Rev. William E. Channing preached the sermon, from the words: "Be instant in season and out of season."

Soon after difficulties arose, owing to a difference in doctrinal sentiment between the Pastor and some of the Church and Society, which resulted in the withdrawal of about twenty members in 1813.

In 1827, the Church was strengthened by the addition of fifty-four converts. In 1829, twenty-one members were dismissed, and formed into a new Orthodox Church, which took the name of the Village Church. In 1840, thirty-three were added to the Church upon profession of faith, and in 1842, thirty-five; of whom twenty were young men.

On the 23d of December, 1847, the long and devoted ministry of Dr. Codman was terminated by his death, in the sixty-seventh year of his age, and the fortieth of his ministry. The records show that he attended 649 funerals; solemnized 295 marriages; baptized 783 persons, 702 of whom were infants; and was permitted to welcome to the fellowship of the Church, 639 members, 482 of whom were received by profession. Of those who were connected with the Church at his ordination, only eleven remained at the time of his death.

On the 13th of July, 1848, Rev. James H. Means was ordained the second pastor of the Church.

From the beginning, 785 have been connected with this Church, of whom 520 have here first professed their faith. Eleven of its members have entered the ministry. Over 220 have been removed from its membership by death; about 240 dismissed to other churches. The present number of members is 302; sixty of whom are non-residents.

DEACON'S ORDINATION CHARGE.

The following Charge was first used in 1724, by Rev. John Danforth, then Pastor of the First Church, Dorchester. It is inserted here, because delivered by Dr. Codman, at the induction into office of the Deacons chosen during his ministry.

THE glorious King of the Church and world, the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted the holy office of Deaconship by inspiration to his Apostles in the primitive church, and appointed that even the Gentile churches should have men, qualified as he has specially directed, chosen unto and invested with the sacred office.

Although the office of Deaconship is ecclesiastical and sacred, yet is it specifiicated and limited unto the temporal good things of the Church, which are offered and dedicated unto the house and service of God for the uses of piety and charity.

Of the Church's outward treasure, of all offerings and gifts given to the Church for the supply of outward need—the care and management belongs to the Deacons; and therewith the Deacons are to supply the tables which the Church is to provide for,—viz. the Lord's table and the tables of such as are in necessity, to whom they are to distribute in simplicity and singleness of heart.

Ordination is the solemn committing of office ecclesiastical, unto persons to whom that office doth belong; the solemn putting of them into the actual possession of

that place, station, dignity, trust and charge in the Church of God that they were chosen to, and had accepted of.

Wherefore, the Church of Christ in this place having chosen you, our dear brother, unto the office of Deaconship, and you having accepted thereof,—

We do,—in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Head of the Church in heaven and on earth, ordain you to be a Deacon of this Church, and put you into possession and administration of that holy and honorable office of Deaconship, in which you are to conjoin our beloved brethren who were in office before you.

And, forasmuch as God hath set you up in this Church not to be a Lett, but to be an Help,—we solemnly charge you to watch and to pray, and to labor all that you can, that you may promote and further all religion, and virtue, and charity, and peace, and beneficence among us; and uprightly, and prudently, and faithfully, and with great humility, and yet with liberty and holy courage, and without fear, and without partiality, and in singleness of heart as towards God, discharge, not only every part of your work as a Christian, but also every part of your office as a Deacon, accountably to God and our Lord Jesus Christ, to your own conscience, and to the Church by the help of Christ.

And we assure you for your comfort, that so using and discharging the office of a Deacon well, by the grace and help of your glorious Lord and ours, you will, though without any proper merit of your own, yet of God's infinite mercy, purchase or gain, or obtain to yourself a good degree and great boldness in the faith. And, when the great Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. AMEN.

DIRECTIONS

TO THOSE COMMENCING A RELIGIOUS LIFE.

MOSTLY SELECTED FROM VARIOUS AUTHORS.

REMEMBER that the Christian life is to be like "the light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Therefore, when the hope of pardon dawns in the heart, do not consider the great business of life as accomplished, but only as begun.

Ever strive to maintain great earnestness in religion. Remember that you need *daily* to repent, confess your sin, cast yourself in faith on Christ, seek pardon and grace; as you did, when you first gave yourself to the Lord.

Seek evidence of piety not so much in high emotions of any kind, as in real humility, sorrow for sin, desires for righteousness, and a constant effort to regulate your daily life by the will of God.

Do not expect to find in your own experience, every thing you have heard or read of in the experience of others. "There are diversities of operations, but it is the same God, which worketh all in all."

If troubled by doubts, look away from yourself to the infinite grace of God in Christ; and seek earnestly for new light, and a renewed experience of his love. "Then shall ye know, if ye follow on to know the Lord."

Do not be afraid of indulging in feelings which seem to be right, from the fear that you are self-deceived. Go forward, and do your whole duty, and God will save you from deception while thus employed.

Expect not to be made very happy by religion, unless you become eminent in piety. A half-way Christian enjoys neither the pleasures of the world, nor the pleasures of religion.

Do not look at the practice and example of other Christians, but at the word of God, in forming the standard of piety at which you aim. Consider not what professors of religion are, but what they should be.

Do not suffer a day to pass, without reading the Bible with devout attention. Strive also to obtain clear and full conceptions of the great doctrines there revealed.

Never omit for a single day the duty of secret prayer. Make known to God every doubt and fear; and ask, in submission to his will, with earnestness and faith, for each blessing you desire.

If you sincerely think you are a Christian, and the Church are satisfied with the evidence of your piety, it is your duty to make a public profession of your faith.

Prepare for that most solemn act by much meditation, self-examination and prayer. Then go forward, not in your own strength, but trusting that "He, who hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

QUESTIONS

FOR

SELF-EXAMINATION.

THE solemn obligations of the Covenant have been deliberately assumed by every member of this Church ; they cannot be thrown off ; he that ‘ openeth his mouth unto the Lord, cannot go back.’ It is, therefore, most important that Christians should often examine themselves, whether they ‘ walk worthy of their vocation ;’ especially as is enjoined by Paul, (1 Cor. xi. 28,) in preparation for the Lord’s Supper.

The following questions, designed to aid them in this duty, are earnestly commended to the members of this Church.

Do I keep sufficiently in mind that I am not my own ? that I have given myself to God in an everlasting covenant ?

Do I make daily efforts, in reliance on the promised aid of the Spirit, to overcome all sin, to grow in grace ? Is the standard at which I aim, the perfect holiness of God, or the state of devotedness commonly seen in the Church ?

Am I faithful in the performance of the private duties of religion ; in reading the Bible, in devotional retirement ? Do I enjoy the hours thus spent ? Under their influence, do my faith and hope and love steadily increase ?

What is the influence of my example on those around ? Does it prove to the unconverted that there is reality and power in religion ? What do those who know me best, think of my piety ?

Is the Church strengthened by my connection with it ? Am I deeply interested in its prosperity ? Do I take my part in sustaining its meetings ? Would I rather suffer, if need be, than be the occasion of injury to it ?

Do I love the brethren ; watch over them for their spiritual good ; help them forward in the Christian life ? Is the law of kindness on my tongue ?

Do I attend constantly on the services of the sanctuary ? Do I join regularly and gladly in the commemoration of my Saviour's dying love ? In the Sacrament, do I solemnly renew my covenant with God ?

If a parent, are my children baptized, instructed in the truth, daily commended to God in prayer, and educated for eternity ?

Do I love the souls of sinners ? Do I feel for them ? Do I pray for them ? Is there one to whom I am faithful ; for whose conversion I feel constant anxiety ?

Do I strive to 'do good to all, as I have opportunity ?' Am I ready to deny myself for this purpose ? Is it a pleasure to contribute for the advancement of Christ's kingdom ? What proportion of my income do I devote to the Lord ?

For strength to perform all these and other duties, do I depend solely on divine aid ? And after I have done all, do I trust in Christ alone for salvation ?

